(d) whetser Government have any proposal to repeal the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Though some complaints have been received regarding misuse of the Act, it is not correct to say that the Act has been blindly misused by the Government and the Police.

(d) All aspects, including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement on TADA, are under examination of the Government.

Jurisdicion of the Delhi Regional Pass-Post Office

*57. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jurisdiction of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi has been extended;

(b) if so, the names of the additional areas covered under this extension;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to ensure that this extension does not lower the efficiency and potentiality of this office;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to extend the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Offices in Southern India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The jurisdiction of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi has been extended, with effect from 13 February 1995, to include the districts of Meerut and Ghaziabad in U.P. and the districts of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Rohtak and Sonepat in Haryana.

The Staff deployment at the Regional Passport Office in Delhi is adequate to meet the increased workload which would result from the additions of these six districts from U.P. and Haryana.

No such proposal for extension of jurisdiction of the offices in the Southern region is presently pending with Government.

Fire in ONGC Oil rig off Andhra Pradesh Coast

*58. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREM J. JHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC oil rig off Andhra Pradesh Coast was gutted after blowout on January 8, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the causes and the reasons for this blow-out; if so, what is the outcome of this enquiry;

(d) what is the extent of loss suffered as a result of this blow-out;

(e) what are the details of the compensation given to the persons affected by this incident; and

(f) whether the oil well and the rig have been restored to proper working position; if not, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a result of a sudden uncontrolled gushing of natural gas under high pressure the well caught fire.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Enquiry Committee has submitted its report to ONGC and is under examination. In the